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Dear Mr. Hall:

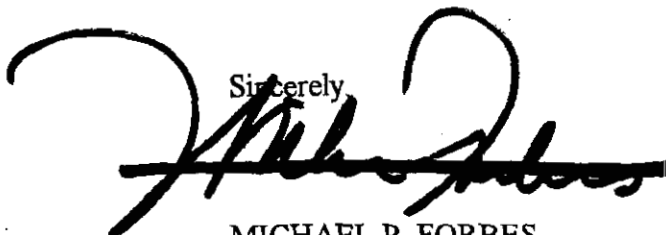
I am writing in regard to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) activities on the Naval property at Calverton, Long Island as a result of the TWA Flight 800 accident. In particular, on behalf of the Riverhead, I would like a detailed explanation of how long the NTSB and other agencies will be using the site.

As you may know, the United State Navy was in the process of transferring Calverton to the Town of Riverhead prior to the TWA accident. Since the accident, the timeline for the transfer has been changed due to the activities of the NTSB. This delay is understandable and necessary since Calverton is the most desirable site on Long Island to reconstruct the TWA aircraft. However, as I understand it, the transfer of Calverton to Riverhead will still occur at some later date, so it is imperative that town redevelopment agencies be allowed to show the site to prospective property developers. They understand the sensitive nature of the TWA investigation and the need to keep the hanger secure and will follow whatever parameters put forth by the NTSB.

In addition to the time line requested above, could you please outline the exact steps the Town of Riverhead must take in order to show portions of Calverton.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL P. FORBES
Member of Congress

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